

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

1. (Currently Amended) A device for manually loading coins in a coin canister of a coin dispenser, ~~said~~ the canister having a series of tubular receptacles for holding a stack of coins, ~~said~~ the device comprising:

a stand constructed to receive ~~said~~ the coin canister and secure the coin canister in a loading position;

a funnel having a body portion and a spout portion mounted for sliding movement on ~~said~~ the coin canister for alignment with one of ~~said~~ the series of tubular receptacles, ~~said~~ the funnel body having an opening to allow the insertion of coins and an internal coin passage constructed to provide a flow path for the coins to pass into ~~said~~ the coin canister receptacles in a metered flow through an exit constructed in ~~said~~ the spout.

2. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for manually loading coins~~, according to claim 1, wherein the funnel is mounted above a manifold, ~~said the~~ manifold constructed to releasably engage the coin canister, ~~said the~~ manifold having a series of tubular passages for alignment with ~~said the~~ series of tubular receptacles of ~~said the~~ coin canister[[:]], and

wherein ~~said the~~ funnel is moved above ~~said the~~ manifold for alignment with one of ~~said the~~ series of tubular passages to form a continuous passage into ~~said the~~ tubular receptacles of ~~said the~~ coin canister.

3. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for manually loading coins~~, according to claim 2, wherein ~~said the~~ funnel is constructed with an exit opening of a size sufficient to accommodate the largest coin of a particular set of coins and each of ~~said the~~ tubular passages of ~~said the~~ manifold are constructed with an upper opening of a common size with ~~said the~~ funnel exit and a lower opening having a coin specific diameter in common with the tubular receptacle with which it the respective tubular passage is aligned.

4. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for manually loading coins~~, according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ funnel further comprises:

a ramp extending transverse to the coin passage to divide ~~said the~~ coin passage into an upper stage and a lower stage to elongate the path by which the coins pass through the funnel, thereby encouraging a metered flow of coins through the funnel.

5. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for manually loading coins~~, according to claim 1, wherein the stand is constructed having features which engage the tubular receptacles of the canister to square off ~~said the~~ tubular receptacles and assist the seating of the coins as ~~they~~ the coins are loaded therein.

6. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for manually loading coins~~, according to claim 1, further comprising a front cover that engages ~~said the~~ canister to ~~provides~~ provide a guide surface for falling coins by ~~completing the geometry of the canister necessary to make said~~ increasing a circumferential surface of the tubular receptacles ~~approximate a simple tube~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for manually loading coins~~, according to claim 2, wherein the funnel is mounted on a collar and ~~said the~~ collar is mounted on ~~said the~~ coin loader above ~~said the~~ manifold for sliding movement, ~~said the~~ collar being constructed with an opening therein to receive ~~said the~~ spout of ~~said the~~ funnel.

8. (Currently Amended) A device for manually loading coins, ~~according to claim 7, in a coin canister of a coin dispenser, the canister having a series of tubular receptacles for holding a stack of coins, the device comprising:~~

a stand constructed to receive the coin canister and secure the coin canister in a loading position; and

a funnel having a body portion and a spout portion mounted for sliding movement on the coin canister for alignment with one of the series of tubular receptacles, the funnel body having an opening to allow the insertion of coins and an internal coin passage constructed to provide a flow path for the coins to pass into the coin canister receptacles in a metered flow through an exit constructed in the spout,

wherein the funnel is mounted above a manifold, the manifold constructed to releasably engage the coin canister, the manifold having a series of tubular passages for alignment with the series of tubular receptacles of the coin canister,

wherein the funnel is moved above the manifold for alignment with one of the series of tubular passages to form a continuous passage into the tubular receptacles of the coin canister,

wherein the funnel is mounted on a collar and the collar is mounted on the coin loader above the manifold for sliding movement, the collar being constructed with an opening therein to receive the spout of the funnel, and

wherein said the collar is mounted on rails molded into said the front cover and a rear cover.

9. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for manually loading coins~~, according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ stand is constructed with brackets constructed to receive ~~said the~~ coin loading device for storage.

10. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for manually loading coins~~, according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ stand is constructed to receive the canister and hold ~~said the~~ canister ~~at an angled to from~~ the vertical.